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## **Statement by Speaker Cannon on the Passing of Former Florida Governor Claude Kirk**

**Tallahassee**—Florida House Speaker Dean Cannon (R-Winter Park) today released the following statement regarding the passing of former Florida Governor Claude Kirk.

“Governor Kirk was a true statesman who embodied the spirit of what it means to be a great Floridian. As Governor during the late 1960s, Governor Kirk will always be remembered for working to develop a new constitution for Florida and all that he did to keep Floridians safe. In the political arena, Governor Kirk will be remembered as Florida’s first Republican Governor since Reconstruction. His passion and enthusiasm for public service will be greatly missed.

My thoughts and prayers are with Governor Kirk’s family and all those he touched during his years of service to Florida.”

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